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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE WELDING FUME PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Charles Brown v. A.O. Smith Corp., et al., D. Minnesota, C.A. No. 0:05-811
Sanchez Crosby, et al. v. Lincoln Electric Co., et al., S.D. Mississippi, C.A. No. 3:05-235

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-26)

On June 23, 2003, the Panel transferred three civil actions to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. Since that time, 226 additional actions have been transferred to the Northern District of Ohio. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Kathleen McDonald O'Malley.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact which are common to the actions previously transferred to the Northern District of Ohio and assigned to Judge O'Malley.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Northern District of Ohio for the reasons stated in the order of June 23, 2003, 269 F.Supp.2d 1365 (J.P.M.L. 2003), and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Kathleen McDonald O'Malley.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed fifteen (15) days from the entry thereof and if any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this fifteen (15) day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:

Inasmuch as no objection is
pending at this time, the
stay is lifted.

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